Dismantled in a Modern Navy Yard, She en the Part of Patriotic People of Today, Who Are Proud of Her.

Not many people may know that the ald frigate Constitution, so renowned in our annals, is still included among the vessels of the navy. She is dismantled, as might be expected at her age, and is kept in that condition at Portsmouth, N. H. She is a craft of 2,200 tons disslacement, and now carries no battery in place of the forty-four guns of the days of her glory.

It was the Constitution that, after the inauspicious opening on land of our war with Great Britain, eighty years ago, led off a series of splendid victories on the sea. The honor of the first capture of a British war vessel undoubtedly belongs to the Essex, Captain David Porter, whose defeat of the Alert occurred six days before the Constitution destroved the Guerriere.

But the Essex carried thirty-two 32pounders and the Alert only twenty 18pounders, so that very soon after opencraft, which, having captured one of our transports had made up to the Essex, taking her to be a merchantman, were compelled to quit their guns and within eight minutes to strike their flag. This conquest, though gratifying, was in-evitable, whereas that of the Constitution was gained over a craft nearer her

own size and strength.

But while yielding the laurels of priorthe Constitution, under Captain Isaac Hull, can claim them again for success in a trial of seamanship between herself whole squadron of our warships, where- for his name in the book of martyrs. as our Nautilus had struck to an these untoward circumstances the Con- intention of making a home. stitution, returning from Europe, fell in with a British squadron led by the Africa, a 64-gun ship.

During four days she was chased by this squadron. Through calm and through breeze the flight and pursuit went on. At one time she had boats out towing her; at another her crew were hauling upon a kedge anchor that had sail set the Constitution drew away from her pursuers, the scene when five frig- Hundred."-Boston Herald. ates were standing on the same tack and the Constitution was showing her heels to her enemies being often recounted eighty years ago. Some of the historians describe this as the first of our triumphs on the sea in that war.

The scene was off the coast of Massachuinto port and had to be blown up.

The Constitution was superior in tonnage and complement, carried more the most beautiful genuine antique work of metal in her broadsides; still the vessels were near enough matched for the victory to produce a tremendous impression on both sides of the ocean. Alison describes the "shock of this unwonted naval disaster" in England, where the belief that Britanni.. ruled the waves neither bread, fruit nor vegetables. He was so profound that the American navy says: had seemed to be a mere mouthful for

der Bainbridge, gained another great only describe by saying that I felt that no victory over the Java, off the coast of exertion could kill me, although I con-Brazil. The Java, like her predecessor, stantly arrived so completely exhausted was a 38-gun ship, and in the battle she that I could not speak; yet a few hours' lost foremast and mizzenmast, besides a sleep upon my saddle on the ground alpart of her bowsprit; while, to complete ways so completely restored me that for the parallel, like the Guerriere, she was a week I could daily be upon my lorse so wrecked in the fight that she had to be blown up. It was a great exhibition three hours after sunset, and have really of good scamanship and superior gun-tired to or twell o horses a day. This mery on the part of the American vessel; will explain the immense distances which for, as Cooper says, "the Java had been which I am confident could only be done following spar until she had not one on beef and water. left." Her loss in "....ed and wounded was very heer.

Finali, in 1815, under command of Cor modere Stewart, the famous old ship example-can be cut as easily as a sheet frigate Cyane and sloop Levant.

called during the war, was launched at The glass can be cut in straight or Boston in 1797; and who knows but curved lines without a break or a crack. when the hundredth anniversary of that This is because the water deadens the event comes around she may again be vibrations of the shears and the glass. put into commission, so as to receive cen- If the least part of the shears comes out tennial honors?-New York Sun.

A Novel Use of Electric Fans. The little electric motor and the swift-By revolving fan are familiar objects. and many a heated brow has been cooled by their combination. But the electric fan has recently found its way into a strange place, none other than the turrets of the powerful iron monitor Mianstonomoh, where the company has placed four of its perfected fan outfits. These are not, as might be supposed, to cool off the gunners, but to blow away the moke from the guns. This certainly is a novel use for the electric fan.-Elec-

The Family Cake.

"You can't eat your cake and have it," enid the wife to her complaining hus-

"And I can't eat yours and get rid of fit," he replied, branching off into another division of domestic infelicity. | lead ore were sent into this country from Detroit Free Press.

An Officer in the Militin

"Did it ever occur to you," said a West Point graduate and a national guardsman the other day, "what it means to be a popular officer in the national guard? Something quite different, I assure you, Is the Object of Profound Veneration the army, if an officer takes care of his men, sees that they get their clothing and pay promptly, looks out for their in-terests in case they are so unfortunate as to be locked up in the guardhouse, no matter how strict a disciplinarian he may be, or how he may make the men stand around, he will be popular with them. But here in the guard the relationship between officer and men is entirely changed. The rank and file, who are men that need no supervision of their ersonal affairs, expect their officers to be 'good rellows' socially.

"An officer need not be a strict disciplinarian to be very popular, but it is only fair to say that the majority of national guard officers, especially in some of our crack commands, have just as thorough an understanding of military requirements as regular army officers. Everything else being equal, therefore, the popularity of the men may be compared as that of a man among employees or among his club equals. I mention these facts to show how easily a regular ing fire the crew of the little British army officer could fail to succeed in the guard, and, vice versa, how impossible it would be for a guard officer, whose easy going society ways are an essential part of his success in his rank, to make a name for himself in the army."-Brooklyn Eagle.

Pedigree of Boston's "Four Hundred." "Every chap in Boston has been running for a pedigree lately," said a good natured son of the Emerald Isle yesterity to the gallant Essex on this score, day at the North End mission, "and some o' them fellers up there on Bacon's Hill, as have been putting their names in the Foor Hundred lately, ought to be and a British squadron. Till then af- ashamed of theirselves for trying to defairs were looking gloomy for us at sea save people. Sure, one of them that goes as well as on land. The British frigate a strutting about with his eyeglass came Belvidere, while convoying a fleet of from just the same stock as meself and merchantmen, had escaped from a has nearly blinded his two eyes looking

"His grandfather and mine came over English squadron, being the first war- from the ould country in the ship Mariship captured on either side. Under anne about fifty years ago, wid the same

"Begorra, there was no aristocracy on board the Marianne, for he washed the dishes and me grandfather did chores around the vessel.

"And ye should see them now. Know me? Faith, if there wasn't anybody else in the city to know, they wouldn't know Tim Doherty,

"It's nothing but the nucientness of been carried out and dropped a long dis- their families you hear of these days. tance ahead. On the fourth day the But we'll all be dead some time and longed for wind came, and with every then the families of all of us will be ancient enough to put in the Four

Fraud Worth More Than the Original. The art frauds that have taken shape and substance, which remain to incumber the world as false coin ever circulating from hand to hand, are of all times But in our time, of course, the fame and periods. The archeology of fraud of the Constitution is more familiarly even has become a science; some of the associated with her capture of the Guer- overt and acknowledged frauds themriere. It was on Aug. 19, 1812, that the selves have attained the status of pretwo vessels met, both eager for a fight. cious and coveted works, more valuable in the strange gyrations in the wheel of The British craft, commanded time than the originals they simulated. by the gallant Dacres, was first to open Michael Angelo's marble Cupid, for infire, but Hull maneuvered his vessel into stance, which he made in secret, broke the right position before he replied. The and mutilated, buried in a vineyard, and enemy's mizzenmast soon went by the dug up again himself, all for the express board, followed by her mainmast. When "taking in" a certain cardinal, collector she struck she was, in fact, so complete- of antique marbles and contemner of by used up that she could not be taken modern art, is a case in point. If this particular Cupid could now be identified it would probably be worth more than guns and threw a much heavier weight of its kind which Italian soil still enshrouds.—Nineteenth Century.

> Meat and Water Diet Gives Strength. Sir Francis Head tried the diet of the Pampas Indians, which consists of the flesh of mares, for these savages eat

After I had been riding three or four months, and had lived on beef and water, That same year the Constitution, un- I found myself in a condition which I can

To Cut Glass with Shears. A sheet of glass-a window pane for made a double capture of the British of cardboard. The secret consists in frigate Cyane and sloop Levant. keeping the glass, the shears and the Old Ironsides, as she had come to be hands under water during the operation. of the water the vibration will be sufficient to mar the success of the experiment.—L'Illustration.

A Candid Reply. "Now be honest," said the second party to a horse deal, as he slipped the halter on his exchange. "Is the animal

worth carrying home?" "No," replied the former owner frankly, "he ain't, but he's worth leading home, if you're going in that direction." —Kate Field's Washington.

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